

Spring 2023

Catching Up with Robidoux Resident Theatre Actor David Rich



How did David Rich get involved with Robidoux Resident Theatre back in 2020?

“Somebody asked me! RRT had already start-

ed rehearsals for *It's A Wonderful Life* and still had not found a “Pop Bailey.” Someone who had sang with me in a church choir asked if I would be interested in auditioning, so I gave it a shot,” said Rich.

Today, Rich's credits also include *School of Rock*, *Little Mermaid*,

Willy Wonka, and *Game Show*. He was also the stage manager for *Catch Me if You Can* and participated in a 2nd Act Players show for adults who are trying to learn about theatre. Now a board member, he sees the benefits of being involved with RRT.



“RRT has allowed me to meet so many people from diverse backgrounds. Actors of all ages have helped me be a better actor. They have become my extended family of sorts. I've been able to try new things and be part of a place that welcomes all types of talent while enriching our community,” says Rich.

RRT Director Sandy Burg echoed David's sentiment. “At RRT we say that as a community theatre, we do theatre really well, but we do community even better!”

David Rich in costume for Willy Wonka with one of his biggest fans!

Photos Courtesy of Lost in Photography



Saturday, April 22, 2023
Tchaikovsky! - 7:00 p.m.

Join the Saint Joseph Symphony under the direction of Conductor Chris Kelts with guest violinist, Sophia Han for Tchaikovsky! Tchaikovsky wrote some of the most romantic orchestral music in all of history. This concert features two of his major works: *Serenade for Strings* and the *Violin Concert of Tchaikovsky*.

Two Concerts at the Missouri Theatre
717 Edmond Street
One Fabulous Weekend of Live Performances!



Sunday, April 23, 2023
Community Gospel Spectacular
4:00 p.m.

Join the St. Joseph Community Chorus as they host a Gospel Weekend with the talented gospel artist, Isaac Cates and Ordained.

Buy the Arts Weekend Bundle and get tickets for Saturday and Sunday at HALF PRICE! Visit <https://jomotickets.com/event/arts-weekend-bundle> or call the Saint Joseph Symphony office at 816-233-7701.

Around Every Corner Art-ventures are waiting for YOU!



Friends and supporters, it is time to plan your adventure with our local arts organizations. Whether it be enjoying a symphonic or tribute performance in the Missouri Theatre, singing along with the Community Chorus at Christmas, cheering on our friends and neighbors in a RRT musical performance,

our souls are recharged when we share in these Art-ventures with our eight agencies who benefit from our annual Arts Fund campaign.

This spring, reserve time on your calendar for their performances and invite others to join you. Afterwards, with your uplifted spirit and a renewed spring in your step, I encourage you to consider how your financial contribution can help others with their own

Art-ventures. Arts Fund proceeds help our funded organizations create programming that reaches wider audiences through expanded promotions, creative and varied repertoires, student performances and scholarships, and public art installations.

Many of you reading this are our loyal supporters. I thank you for your generosity and would like to ask a favor. Please take a minute to share with a friend or business partner why you give, pass on an Arts Fund pamphlet or send them to stjoearts.org to make a gift or pledge. Meeting or exceeding our fundraising goal is so important for our agencies.

And I wish you many wonderful Art-ventures this Spring!

Terri Modlin

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Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
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Creative Arts Productions
Junior League of St. Joseph
Performing Arts Association
RiverSong
Robidoux Resident Theatre
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Let's be Social! Follow us for updates.



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Arts Fund Supports Art-Ventures!

The arts nurture the hearts, minds and souls of our children - we've seen how they thrive and gain confidence by joining in such programs as Artists in the Schools, Youth Concert Day and Instrument Infusion, and performing in productions by Allied Arts Council member agencies. Hesitancy turns into "I can do this!" The arts also introduce children and young adults to volunteerism and foster a sense of community. They need to be exposed to the arts to become our future audiences, board members, volunteers and, of course, artists! The Arts Fund ensures both youth and adults can continue to experience the arts. Your donation makes that possible. [Donate today!](#)

A Word from a Funded Agency!

Creative Arts Productions Children's Theatre Camp encourages students to think critically and creatively as they develop team building skills. The program works as a catalyst to inspire creativity, a lifelong skill that can help children innovate no matter what career they choose. It's the ideal way to empower a child's growth and the Arts Fund helps make that possible.

Creative Arts Productions (CAP)



Multi-Media Music Experiences!

With assistance from the Arts Fund, arts agencies can provide the ultimate in mixed-media experiences! For instance, the Performing Arts Association's upcoming tribute to the legendary David Bowie on April 15. This stage production provides audiences with an immersive concert experience of David Bowie's long musical history with flamboyant costume changes, elaborate staging, melodic vocals, and talented musicians. It's the perfect opportunity to relive the many periods of David Bowie's career genius - from pop phenomenon, to Ziggy Stardust, to iconic and ever-fashionable gentleman. Yes, you can still get tickets if you visit <https://performingarts-saintjoseph.org/>!

Family Fun at a Symphony Concert!

The Saint Joseph Symphony provided an afternoon of popular seasonal favorites as they introduced the Family Fun Costume Concert! The audience members arrived dressed as their favorite family-friendly character. They were greeted by none other than the Great Pumpkin, Symphony Director Chris Kelts. Through the Arts Fund, tickets are more affordable and the arts community can provide programming that appeals to a wider audience. So the only question is, who will you come as next October!



All proceeds from the Arts Fund support the activities of the following:

Allied Arts Council
Robidoux Resident Theatre

Creative Arts Productions
St. Joseph Community Chorus

Performing Arts Association
St. Joseph Youth Chorale

RiverSong
Saint Joseph Symphony



Choose your Art-Venture!

Arts Fund 2023 Kicks Off!

Choose your Art-Venture! Thanks to your support, there is an arts activity around every corner in our community! The Arts Fund, which raises funds for eight agencies, kicks off April 1 with the goal of raising \$215,000.

During Arts Fund's 40-year history, we have awarded over \$6 million to local arts and cultural nonprofits. What the arts organizations do with that investment adds to the culture and livability of St. Joseph and boosts the economy for us all. Through the arts, children gain valuable skills. As adults, we all gain a better sense of community through the shared experience of singing, dancing, playing an instrument or acting. We bond with friends, family and neighbors when we enjoy great entertainment and arts experiences together.

Supporting the Arts Fund means supporting a solid future for the arts in St. Joseph for ourselves and the generations to come.

To contribute, simply complete the form and mail it to Arts Fund, 118 South 8 Street, St. Joseph, MO, 64501 or to quickly and safely donate online [click here](#).

Arts Fund Pledge Card 2023

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2023 Pledge: \$ _____

☐ Full Payment Attached

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☐ Bill Me: ☐ In Full

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Thank you for tax deductible donation. ☐ Individual ☐ Corporate/Business

Does your employer offer matching funds?

☐ Yes

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you in advance for your kind and generous donation!

Accepting Nominations for the Mayor's Awards for the Arts!

Who Inspires You?

The Allied Arts Council celebrates its vibrant arts community with the thirty-second annual Mayor's Awards for the Arts! The Mayor's Awards for the Arts recognize individuals and organizations that have made significant and lasting contributions in the arts in the greater St. Joseph, Missouri area. Show your appreciation for those who do so much for our community by nominating your arts hero!

Nominations are accepted in the following categories:

- Artist of the Year
- Arts Educator of the Year
- Youth Artist
- Organizational Achievement in the Arts
- Individual Leadership
- Outstanding Volunteer

A panel of arts leaders from across the state selects the award recipients.

To nominate an artist, arts organization or arts project, please [click here](#). All nominations must be received in the Allied Arts Council office by June 5, 2023.

The awards are presented during a special ceremony held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Allied Arts Council on July 20, 2023.



About the Allied Arts Council

The Allied Arts Council of St. Joseph, Missouri, exists to “bring arts and people together.” The Council takes the lead in St. Joseph in organizing, educating and servicing the local arts community.

Currently 14 arts and cultural agencies are members. As an umbrella organization, the Council assists with scheduling, funding and marketing for all member agencies.

The Council provides educational programs, public art exhibits and summer youth programs, as well as special events.



Beer Walk for the Arts!

Want to spice up your Saturday? Take the day to enjoy sample craft beers and local bites while enjoying area musicians, meeting artists and touring seven historic homes in the Museum Hill Neighborhood.

Saturday, May 13, 2023
2 to 5 p.m.

Tickets available at allied-arts-council.
ticketleap.com for \$35 each or two for
\$50 until May 1. To purchase your tickets [click here](#).

The proceeds benefit the Arts Fund!



And the Sculpture Walk People's Choice Award Goes to....



The people have spoken! The Allied Arts Council is proud to announce the winner of the 2022-23 St. Joseph Sculpture Walk People's Choice Award. Located on the corner of North 7th and Francis Street, "Rocky" who is 560 linear feet of rebar, twisted, cut and welded, captured the hearts of walkers of all ages!

Artist Carl Weiss of Springfield, Nebraska spent 15 years in the construction and remodeling world before gravitating back to his passion for art. His focus is the use of centuries-old techniques combined with modern processes to create pieces that reflect the strength and beauty of nature.

"I was given a dog about a year before I went through a tough time with cancer. He has been a blessing, so I thought it only fitting to recreate him," said Cox. It's a fun piece but ironically, my dog doesn't like "Rocky" the sculpture all that much," he added.

It's possible to own a sculpture from the 2022-23 Walk. For purchasing information on "Rocky" and others in the Walk, please contact the Allied Arts Council at 816-233-0231, teresa.fankhauser@stjo-arts.org.

Be sure to put Wednesday, June 14 on your calendar for the First Walk of the 2023-24 Sculpture Walk!



GIFTS TO THE ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Thank you for your support of the Allied Arts Council programs! Your generosity allows us to provide arts education, public art experiences, and to support of member agencies.

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Explore the Downtown St. Joseph Sculpture Walk 2023-24

**First Walk on
June 14, 2023**

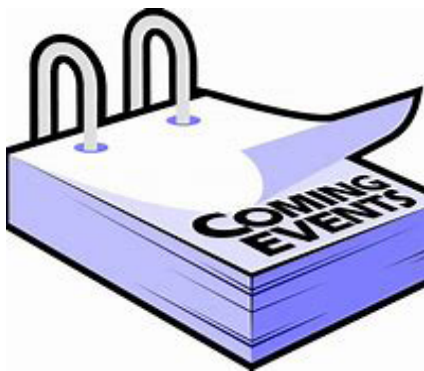
6:30 p.m.

**Walkers will
meet at the
corner of 8th
and Felix at
6:30 p.m.**

Remember you can stroll through historic downtown St. Joseph with your friends, children, grandchildren, partner or spouse throughout the year and enjoy the sculptures. Discover the unique shops and restaurants you will only find in our community along the way.

For a Sculpture Walk brochure [click here](#) or drop by the Allied Arts office, 118 South 8th Street. You can also pick them up at one of four ballot boxes in Downtown St. Joseph.

Don't forget to vote for the 2023-2024 People's Choice Award!



What's Happening in the Arts

April

7
MWSU Senior Art Exhibition
 Potter Art Gallery, Potter Hall,
 MWSU Campus
 4525 Downs Drive
 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
www.missouriwestern.edu/art/gallery/2022-2023-senior-art-exhibition

8
Easter at the Mansion
 Wyeth-Tootle Mansion
 1100 Charles St.
 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
www.stjosephmuseum.org

14
Space Oddity, The Ultimate David Bowie Experience
 Performing Arts Association
 Missouri Theatre
 715 Edmond St.
 7:30 p.m.
<https://performingarts-saintjoseph.org/>

16
Friends & Family Show
 RiverSong
 Wyatt Park Christian Church
 2623 Mitchell Avenue
 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
<http://riversongchorus.com/>

21
7th Annual National Undergraduate Art Exhibition & the Harry Oshiver Exhibition
 Opening Receptions
 Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
 2818 Frederick Avenue
 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
 Exhibition runs through June 4
www.albrecht-kemper.org

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Tchaikovsky!
 with Guest Violinist: Sophia Han
 Saint Joseph Symphony
 Missouri Theatre
 715 Edmond Street
 7:00 p.m.
www.saintjosephsymphony.org

23
Gospel Spectacular with Isaac Cates & Ordained
 St. Joseph Community Chorus
 Missouri Theatre
 4:00 p.m.
<https://www.stjoechorus.org>

25
After Hours
 Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
 2818 Frederick Avenue
 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
www.albrecht-kemper.org

29
Brian Regan LIVE
 Missouri Theatre
 715 Edmond Street
 8:00 - 9:30 p.m.
<https://tickets-center.com>

May

5, 6, & 7

Godspell
 Robidoux Resident Theatre
 Ruby Theatre
 615 South 10th St.
<https://rrtstjoe.org/>

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Beer Walk for the Arts
 Allied Arts Council
 Starting: Wyeth-Tootle Mansion
 1100 Charles Street
 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
<https://stjoearts.org/wp/beer-walk-for-the-arts/>

23
After Hours
 Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
 2818 Frederick Avenue
 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
www.albrecht-kemper.org

June

3
AKMA - Art Fair
 Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
 2818 Frederick Avenue
 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
www.albrecht-kemper.org

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2023-2024 Sculpture Walk
 Reception and First Walk
 Allied Arts Council
 Corner of 8th & Felix, Room 108
 5:00 p.m. - Reception
 6:30 p.m. - Guided First Walk
<https://stjoearts.org>

15 - 18

Juneteenth 2023

St. Joseph Museum

www.stjosephmuseum.org

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Past to Present Car Show
at the Mansion

Wyeth-Tootle Mansion

1100 Charles St.

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

www.stjosephmuseum.org

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After Hours

Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art

2818 Frederick Avenue

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

www.albrecht-kemper.org

Ongoing Arts and Culture Opportunities

Allied Arts Council

St. Joseph Sculpture Walk

<https://stjoearts.org/wp/sculpture-walk>

Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
Art Classes

<http://albrecht-kemper.org/classes/>

St. Joseph Museum

Educational Experiences/Classes

www.stjosephmuseum.org



10TH ANNUAL
KENTUCKY DERBY
Party

Save the Date!

SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023 4 - 6:30 P.M.

BENTON CLUB 402 N 7 ST. ST. JOSEPH, MO

Ladies and Gents, start working on your Kentucky Derby attire and welcome the return of the Churchill Down and Derby Party.

- 4:00 p.m. Cocktails with Southern Tasty Bites
- 5:50 p.m. The Most Exciting 2 Minutes in Sports

\$50 per person

6:30 p.m. For an additional fee enjoy dinner by Chef Bryan to support the Benton Club
(Contact the Benton Club directly to reserve your table for dinner)

Hosted by the David H Morton Memorial Fund for the Arts
Trustees to support local arts in St. Joseph.

Call 816-232-8411 or email grudolph@mortonreedlaw.com to RSVP.

Mail check to The David H. Morton Memorial Fund for the Arts
c/o Ginger Rudolph.

Morton, Reed, Counts, Briggs, and Robb, 2301 Village Dr, St Joseph, MO 64506

Get the latest updates on arts and cultural events on the
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